

LAMOINE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

MEETING DATE: October 3, 2006

ATTENDENCE: Bonnie Marckoon-Chairperson, Julie Tilden, Bob Pulver, Amy Duym, David Sanderson, Enid Neleski, Robin Veysey, Patti Haslam, Jim Willis Val Perkins-Principal, David Bridgham-Union 92 Business Manager, Jo Cooper, and Faith Perkins.

SUMMARY OF EVENTS:

1. It was reported that as of October 3, the Jina Gym Fund had a balance of \$142,315.54. There was a discussion regarding the merits of establishing a 501 (C) 3 non-profit entity in order to attract donation corporate and other philanthropic organizations. The issue will be brought before the school committee.
2. The Priority List for program and space issues that cannot be addressed with State Revolving Renovation Funds stands as follows:

<u>Priority #</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Program or Space Need</u>
1	85	Gym (with locker rooms and fine arts area/stage)
2	126	Replace Portables with permanent space
3	132	Parking/Student Drop-off area w/ safe entry and office area
4	140	State-of –the-Art Technology Infrastructure
5	153	Grade Groupings with Bathrooms and Water
6	166	Middle Level Science lab/Art
7	190	Storage Space
8	197	Safer Playground (away from traffic & public access)
9	199	Improved/efficient lighting and ceiling tiles
10	231	Large Community Library
11	281	Chemical Storage
12	286	Pest Control
13	298	Water Fountains

3. The committee reviewed actions that had been undertaken in preparation for the public forum scheduled for October 12, including:
 - Sharing information on a CD entitled :Growing Together: Consensus Building, Smart Growth and Community Change
 - Power Point presentation prepared by Stu Marckoon – amendments recommended
 - Article in Town Quarterly
 - Articles in Ellsworth American and BDN
 - Posters up all over town

4. The Committee decided to revamp the format of the public hearing to make it as participatory as possible and solicit more effective feedback. The format will consist of a short presentation on the evolution of the existing priority list, and a short discussion on the items on the priority list. Then the audience will be broken up into five or six discussion groups with members of the committee to be designated recorders. The whole group would then reconvene and the recorders will report out. David Sanderson will draft the questions that the discussion groups will address.
5. The list of issues associated with many of the items on the priority list was amended as follows:

Priority 1: Gym (w/ locker rooms and fine arts/stage)

- Larger community meeting space
- Use as emergency shelter
- Court too small
- Lack of Spectator Space
- Safety Issues with blocked corridor
- Condensation Issues/
- Hazardous laminated beams
- Inadequate performance space
- Can't hold basketball games due to safety/liability
- No changing areas

Priority 2: Replace Portable Classrooms

- Get all students into single integrated learning area
- Bathroom accessibility for all students
- Get handicapped bathroom into main building
- Combine 3 heating systems into one
- Facilitates effective grade groupings
- Creates a more aesthetic/effective building
- Increased Facility Security

Priority 3: Parking/Student Drop-off area w/ safe entry

- Not enough parking spaces
- Vehicles on playground area
- Commuter/bus interaction issues
- Safety/Liability vehicles pedestrian/students contact
- Vehicles parked on road in dark
- Bus exhaust entering school building
- Falling snow and ice on entrances
- Lack airlock to limit heat loss when door is open
- Increased Facility Security
- Limiting entry to school-monitoring intruders
- Separating classroom areas from public areas

Priority 4: State-of-Art Technology Infrastructure

- Position facility for future technology growth (ex. ATM)
- Economic feasibility of piggy banking with state funded project to replace wiring throughout building.

Priority5: Grade Groupings with Bathrooms and Water

- Keeps grade levels together
- Separate older and younger children in bathrooms
- Facilitates creation of middle level program
- Facilitates other grade groupings in conformance with Maine Learning Results standards
- More bathroom access for public events
- Water in more bathrooms for cleaning/sanitation/art

Priority 6: Middle Level Science

- Provides hands-on lab experience for students
- Budget Savings vs. annual science kit replacement
- Expands science offerings

Priority 7: Storage Space

- Safety Issues with material stored in boiler room and stacked too high on shelves.
- Energy efficiency – storage on unit ventilators
- Security Issues: accountability for missing items
- Space for sport equipment/ musical instruments

Priority 9: Safer Playground Area

- Delivery trucks crossing playground
- Unsafe playground surface
- Proximity of playground to public areas
- Limit access to children playing

Priority 10: Large Community Library

- Create real community library with public access
- Room for expanded collection and technology access
- Combine resources with historical society

6. The next meeting is the public forum scheduled for **Thursday, October 12, 2006 at 7:00 P.M.**

